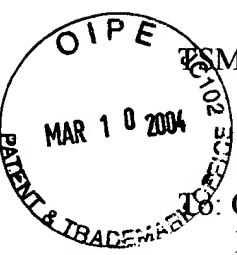


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RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir;

In response to the FINAL Office Action dated January 02, 2004, please amend the identified application for patent as follows:

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees involved with added Claims and the like to Deposit Account No. 19-0033

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